

Listing of the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17 and 18 and add new claims 30-35 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled).

Claim 30 (New). An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus for an automotive vehicle having an airbag, the apparatus having a seatbelt, for restraining an occupant of the automotive vehicle by the seatbelt to protect the occupant,
5 comprising:

an electric retractor having seatbelt driving means for retracting and protracting the seatbelt;

airbag driving means for causing expansion of the airbag to restrain the occupant;

10 a pretensioner for rapidly retracting the seatbelt to restrain the occupant;

speed detecting means for detecting a speed of protraction of the seatbelt; and

control means for controlling at least one of actuation time
15 or expansion pressure of the airbag by said airbag driving means,
actuation time of said pretensioner, a force of said pretensioner
for retracting the seatbelt, and a force of said seatbelt driving
means for retracting the seatbelt, based upon the speed of
protraction of the seatbelt detected by said speed detecting
20 means.

Claim 31 (New). An automotive passenger restraint and
protection apparatus as defined by claim 30, wherein said control
means controls said airbag driving means to shorten the actuation
time of the airbag when the speed of protraction of the seatbelt
5 detected by said speed detecting means is higher than a
predetermined value, and prolong the actuation time of the airbag
when the detected speed of protraction of the seatbelt is lower
than said predetermined value.

Claim 32 (New). An automotive passenger restraint and
protection apparatus as defined by claim 30, wherein said control
means controls said airbag driving means to decrease the expansion
pressure of the airbag when the speed of protraction of the
5 seatbelt detected by said speed detecting means is higher than a

predetermined value, and increase the expansion pressure of the airbag when the detected speed of protraction of the seatbelt is lower than said predetermined value.

Claim 33 (New). An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus as defined by claim 30, wherein said control means controls said pretensioner to shorten the actuation time of said pretensioner when the speed of protraction of the seatbelt
5 detected by said speed detecting means is higher than a predetermined value, and prolong the actuation time of said pretensioner when the detected speed of protraction of the seatbelt is lower than said predetermined value.

Claim 34 (New). An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus as defined by claim 30, wherein said control means controls said pretensioner to decrease the force of said pretensioner for retracting the seatbelt when the speed of
5 protraction of the seatbelt detected by said speed detecting means is higher than a predetermined value, and increase the force of said pretensioner for retracting the seatbelt when the detected speed of protraction of the seatbelt is lower than said predetermined value.

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Claim 35 (New). An automotive passenger restraint and protection apparatus as defined by claim 30, wherein said control means controls said seatbelt driving means to increase the force of said seatbelt driving means for retracting the seatbelt when
5 the speed of protraction of the seatbelt detected by said speed detecting means is higher than a predetermined value, and decrease the force of said seatbelt driving means for retracting the seatbelt when the detected speed of protraction of the seatbelt is lower than said predetermined value.